

Children from birth to 3 years of age can be referred to Child Development Watch at:

New Castle County

Referrals call Central Intake . (302) 283-7140

Central Intake fax referrals .. (302) 283-7141

All other inquiries in NCC call

Child Development Watch.... (302) 283-7240

Toll free (800) 671-0050

Kent and Sussex Counties

Child Development Watch.... (302) 424-7300

Fax referrals (302) 422-1363

Statewide toll free to CDW

Kent and Sussex Counties.... (800) 752-9393

A Spanish interpreter is available to facilitate communication with Child Development Watch staff.

Child Development Watch:

<http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dph/chs/chscdw.html>

Birth to Three Early Intervention System: <http://dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dms/epqc/birth3/directry.html>

Children 3 years of age and older can be referred to their school district's Child Find Coordinator or Special Education Supervisor.

More than 3,000 children receive early intervention services annually through Child Development Watch.

Most of what a child learns in a lifetime is learned in the first 5 years of life. The families of children with developmental delays or disabilities need to use these early years to help their children acquire the skills on which they will base a lifetime of learning.



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Helping Delaware professionals serve infants and children with developmental delays and disabilities



You may see a child you suspect may have a developmental delay or disability.

Child Development Watch is a coordinated, interagency program designed to meet the needs of eligible children for early intervention services.



A child with a developmental delay may look like other children.

As you examine, observe, and work with children, you will see some who are not developing along typical developmental patterns. These are children who need to be referred to Child Development Watch.



Addressing concerns early is better than waiting.

Child Development Watch helps you in answering the question, “Is this child

growing and developing on schedule and appropriately?”

If the answer is no, Child Development Watch has professionals and services available to help families help their child.

Children who are eligible for early intervention services have a disability or a significant delay in one or more of these developmental areas:

- ★ Cognitive
- ★ Communication
- ★ Physical
- ★ Social/emotional
- ★ Adaptive or self-help

A Family Service Coordinator will be available to the family to help them through the process.

The child will be evaluated — at no cost to the parents — to determine if the child is eligible for the program.

Services and supports are designed to meet the developmental needs of the child and the needs of the family related to enhancing the child’s development.

Some early intervention supports and services available are:

- ★ Assistive technology
- ★ Early childhood education
- ★ Family training and counseling
- ★ Nursing
- ★ Occupational therapy
- ★ Physical therapy
- ★ Psychological services
- ★ Social work
- ★ Speech-language therapy
- ★ Specialized consulting with community programs

If a child is eligible for Services, an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) will be developed to meet the needs of the child and family.

The IFSP will be developed with information and input provided by you, the professional who works with the family.



Child Development Watch is a confidential program.

The family is the focus of the Child Development Watch program. It is the family

that helps each child reach his or her potential. Confidentiality is important for developing trust between the family and the Child Development Watch team.

